Enquiry Service for Bombay, Madras and Calcutta has also been introduced by MTNL in Delhi;

(c) whether a walk-in Directory Enquiry Facility has also been introduced by MTNL in Delhi;

(d) if so, the details thereof;

(e) whether MTNL propose to introduce on-line telephone fault repair confirmation services in Delhi; and

(f) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) Yes, Sir. It is already working in MTNL, Delhi. Any customer in Delhi can ring up 6226600 and get details of his pending bills.

(b) Yes, Sir. An on line Directory Enquiry Service for Mumbai, Madras and Calcutta has been introduced by MTNL in Delhi.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. A walk-in Directory Enquiry Service has been introduced by MTNL, Delhi at Eastern Court, Janpath, New Delhi. The following information is being furnished to the visitors;

1. Telephone number for a given name.

2. Full name & address for telephone subscribers.

3. New telephone number in regard of old telephone numbers.

(e) and (f) Yes. MTNL Delhi is proposing to inroduce an on-line telephone fault repair confirmation service operating through Interactive Voice Response System (IVRS). This is being on trail basis at Jorbagh exchange in Delhi.

Collection of sales tax from MTNL Subscribers

1250. SHRI S. MUTHU MANI: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) the total amount collected as Sales Tax from the subscribers and consumers by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Delhi, during 1994-95 and 1995-96;

(b) the total amount remitted to Sales Tax Department, Delhi by the Mahanagar Telephone Nigam Limited, Delhi, during 1994-95 and 1995-96; and

(c) whether such Sales Tax is being charged on the telephone bills of the subscribers in other parts of the country?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): (a) MTNL is not collecting any Sales Tax from consumers and subscribers. to whom telephone bills are issued.

(b) In view of (a) above—NIL

(c) Sales Tax is not being charged on telephone bills of the subscribers in other parts of the country.

Pakistan's effort to Internationalise Kashmir issue

1251. SHRI SUSHILKUMAR SAMBHAJIRAO SHINDE: SHRIMATI VEENA VERMA:

Will the Minister of EXTERNAL AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is any indication from US that the US-Government has taken note of the evident message of the recent elections to the Jammu and Kashir Assembly, in rejecting former Pakistani Prime Minister Ms. Benazir Bhutto's call for an international conference on Kashmir; and

(b) whether India had once again rejected the plea saying, that India could not go beyond the Simla accord?

THE MINISTER OF EXTERNAL

AFFAIRS (SHRI I. K. GUJRAL): (a) Government have seen reports that the US State Department Spokesman, replying to a query regarding former Pakistan Prime Minister Benazir Bhutto's proposal for an international conference on peace and security in South Asia, stated that India and Pakistan should resume bilateral dialogue.

(b) Government are committed to the resolution of all India-Pakistan issues through bilateral dialogue as envisaged in the Simla Agreement. Government have proposed to Pakistan the resumption of Foreign Secretary level talks and await Pakistan's formal response.

Revival Plan for NJMC and JCI

1252. SHRI GURUDAS DAS GUPTA: Will the Minister of TEXTILES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have drawn up revival plan for National Jute Manufacturers Corporation (NJMC) Ltd. and Jute Corporation of India (JCI); and

(b) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF TEXTILES (SHRI R. L. JALAPPA): (a) and (b) Due to continued cash losses and complete erosion of networth. NJMC has been referred to the BIFR. A Turn Around Plan is under consideration which envisages some capital expenditure, provision of start up expense, reimbursement of cash losses and reduction of work force through Voluntary Retirement Scheme, details of which are being worked out. JCI has not been declared a sick company and therefore no revival plan required.

Release of Commemorative stamps

1253. SHRI SANJAY NIRUPAM: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state the names of personalities in respect of whom Government propose to release Commemorative Stamps in coming six months?

THE MINISTER OF COMMUNICATIONS (SHRI BENI PRASAD VERMA): The Government proposes to release Commemorative Stamps on the following personalities during the coming six months.

1. Dr. Vrindavan Lal Verma.
2. Jose Marti
3. Netaji Subhash Chandra Bose.

हिसार में टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज की क्षमता बढ़ाया जाना

1254. **श्री रामजीलाल:** क्या संचार मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि:

(क) हिसार में स्थित हिसार टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज के अंतर्गत गांवों में कितने छोटे-छोटे टेलीफोन एक्सचेंज कार्यरत हैं;

(ख) क्या यह सच है कि अधिकतर एक्सचेंज ठीक ढंग से कार्य नहीं कर रहे हैं; यदि हां, तो तत्संबंधी ब्यौरा क्या है;

(ग) क्या यह भी सच है कि इन एक्सचेंजों की क्षमता कम होने के कारण गांव वालों को इसका पूरा लाभ नहीं मिल पा रहा है; और

(घ) यदि हां, तो सरकार उपर्युक्त एक्सचेंजों की क्षमता बढ़ाने के लिए क्या कदम उठा रही है और इनकी क्षमता कब तक बढ़ने की संभावना है?

संचार मंत्री (श्री बेनी प्रसाद वर्मा): (क) ग्यारह एक्सचेंज।

(ख) जी, नहीं। सभी एक्सचेंज संतोषजनक रूप से काम कर रहे हैं।

(ग) और (घ) आठ एक्सचेंजों में कोई प्रतीक्षा-सूची नहीं है। शेष तीन एक्सचेंजों नामशः, मटवर, लाडवा और आर्यनगर में प्रतीक्षा सूची छोटी है। आशा है कि वह भी 1996-97 के दौरान इस एक्सचेंजों के नियोजित विस्तार के बाद निपटा दी जाएगी।